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Re: **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**  
Assignee: National Gypsum Properties, LLC  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please amend the specification of the above-referenced application (the "Application") as reflected in the replacement paragraphs beginning on page 2 of this paper. Please amend the claims of the Application as reflected in the following listing of claims on page 24. The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the Application.

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